

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and reconsideration of the application identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.111 and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

At the outset, Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 9-16 are allowed (Official Action at page 3).

By the above amendments, the specification has been amended to update the domestic priority data. Claim 1 has been amended for clarification purposes to recite that the drying time is 20 to 110 seconds. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at least at page 53, lines 10-12, taken in connection with page 95 (Example 24) and page 98 (Example 27).

In the Official Action, claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for the reasons set forth at pages 2 and 3 of the Official Action. Specifically, the Patent Office has asserted that the recited phrase “a drying temperature not less than 150°C and not greater than 200°C” is not supported by the originally filed application. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Patent Office’s assertion.

In this regard, Applicants submit that the specification discloses an exemplary temperature range of 80 to 200°C at page 53, lines 8 and 9, as well as several examples employing a drying temperature of 150°C.¹ Such disclosures provide adequate support for the claimed drying temperature range, since the disclosed 80 to 200°C range encompasses the claimed range, the 200°C upper endpoint corresponds to the claimed “not greater than

¹ Examples 21, 24 and 27 set forth in the specification at pages 91, 95 and 98, respectively, each employed a drying temperature of 150°C.

200°C”, and the claimed “not less than 150°C” is supported by the examples discussed above.²

With respect to the claimed drying time range objected to by the Patent Office, it is noted that claim 1 has been amended to recite a drying time of 20 to 110 seconds. As discussed above, support for such drying time range can be found in the specification at page 53, lines 10-12, taken in connection with Examples 24 and 27.

The Patent Office has also asserted that the claimed solvent which comprises a low-boiling solvent with a boiling point of 130°C or less and a high-boiling solvent with a boiling point of greater than 130°C, is not supported by the originally filed application. However, it is respectfully noted that the specification clearly sets forth support for such feature at page 52, lines 13-15.

For at least the above reasons, it is apparent that claims 1-8 fully comply with the provisions set forth in the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112. Accordingly, withdrawal of the above rejection is respectfully requested.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited.

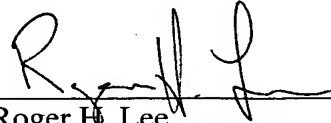
² For example, Applicants note that M.P.E.P. §2163.05(III) discusses *In re Wertheim*, 191 USPQ 90 (CCPA 1976), in which adequate support was found for a claimed range of “between 35% and 60%”, where the specification disclosed a range of “25%-60%” and specific examples of “36%” and “50%”.

If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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